



South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

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Noongar community steadfastly opposed to the Roe Highway Extension

After conducting extensive consultation with members of the Noongar community, the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council can confirm that the Noongar community is steadfastly opposed to the Roe Highway extension.

The reason for Noongar opposition to the Roe Highway extension is because the proposed route for the extension will slice through what is considered as a critically important heritage area, where seven specific sites would be affected.

SWALSC's consultations with Aboriginal elders and traditional owners have revealed that the Noongar community regard protection of the area as absolutely paramount, and that they will never change their view about the importance of these sites.

SWALSC has been compelled to issue a statement clarifying Aboriginal opposition to the Roe Highway extension because of reports of statements being issued by supporters of the extension which appear to misrepresent the views of the Noongar community.

Let me make it absolutely clear that the Noongar community is steadfastly opposed to the Roe Highway extension because it will destroy some sites, and adversely affect other sites, which are regarded as significant and important in terms of their Aboriginal heritage values" said Glen Kelly.

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